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REMARKS

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the Examiner's interview on February 3, 2004. The Applicants would also like to thank the Examiner for correctly acknowledging that the proposed claim amendment to independent Claim 1 would overcome the cited prior art references.


Consequently, each of the independent claims has been amended accordingly. Independent Claims 1, 12, 22, 31, 42, 52 and 61 have been amended to include the subject matter from their respective dependent Claims 10, 20, 29, 40, 50, 59 and 69. These dependent claims have been cancelled. The amended claims each recite that creating the invention disclosure comprises including an attachment therewith, with the attachment having been created separate from the invention disclosure. This advantageously saves time for the inventor when providing detailed information to be considered in the invention disclosure.

Attached are twenty-one (21) sheets of replacement drawings in which reference labels are being added to FIGS. 5, 12-13, 16-22, 27-30, 32, 36, 38-39, 41-42 and 44. In addition, the specification is also being amended to correct noted informalities.

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is submitted that all the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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